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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, NO (STAPLETON, MRS. RUTH CARTER)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT

REF: STATE 176014

1. WE HAVE CHECKED OUT BONAFIDES OF THE SPONSORS OF
WORLD EVANGELISM MEETING IN KVINNESDAL JULY 21 TO 24.
THE CHIEF ORGANIZER, MR. ARILD EDVARSEN, IS WELL AND
FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AS RESPONSIBLE LEADER OF
NORWAY'S EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT. EVARSEN STATES THAT
EVANGELISM MEETING EXPECTS TO DRAW APPROXIMATELY
15,000 PEOPLE FROM SCANDINAVIA (MOST OF THEM WILL BE
NORWEGIANS). THE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
KVINNESDAL MEETING HALL.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO MR. EVARSEN ABOUT PLANS FOR
MRS. STAPLETON. HE CONFIRMS THAT HIS GROUP INTENDS
TO MEET MRS. STAPLETON WITH THEIR PRIVATE LIMOUSINE
AT THE KRISTIANSAND AIRPORT UPON HER ARRIVAL FROM
COPENHAGEN ON THE MORNING OF JULY 21. THEY WILL
USE THEIR PRIVATE LIMOUSINE TO TRANSPORT HER TO
KVINNESDAL, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED KILOMETERS WEST OF
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KRISTIANSAND. MRS. STAPLETON WILL BE STAYING AT
THE UTSIKTEN MOTEL IN KVINNESDAL (TELEPHONE NUMBER
043-50444). MR. EVARSEN SAID THAT NO SPECIAL
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MRS.
STAPLETON'S PERSONAL SECURITY. HOWEVER, THE LOCAL
POLICE WILL BE ON THE SCENE AT THE KVINNESDAL
MEETING HALL THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.

3. WE ARE UNABLE TO ADVISE ON WHETHER THE SECURITY
PREPARATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE CAN BE DEFINED AS
QTE ADEQUATE UNQTE. IF THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT
ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE ADVISEABLE FOR
MRS. STAPLETON, PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY.
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